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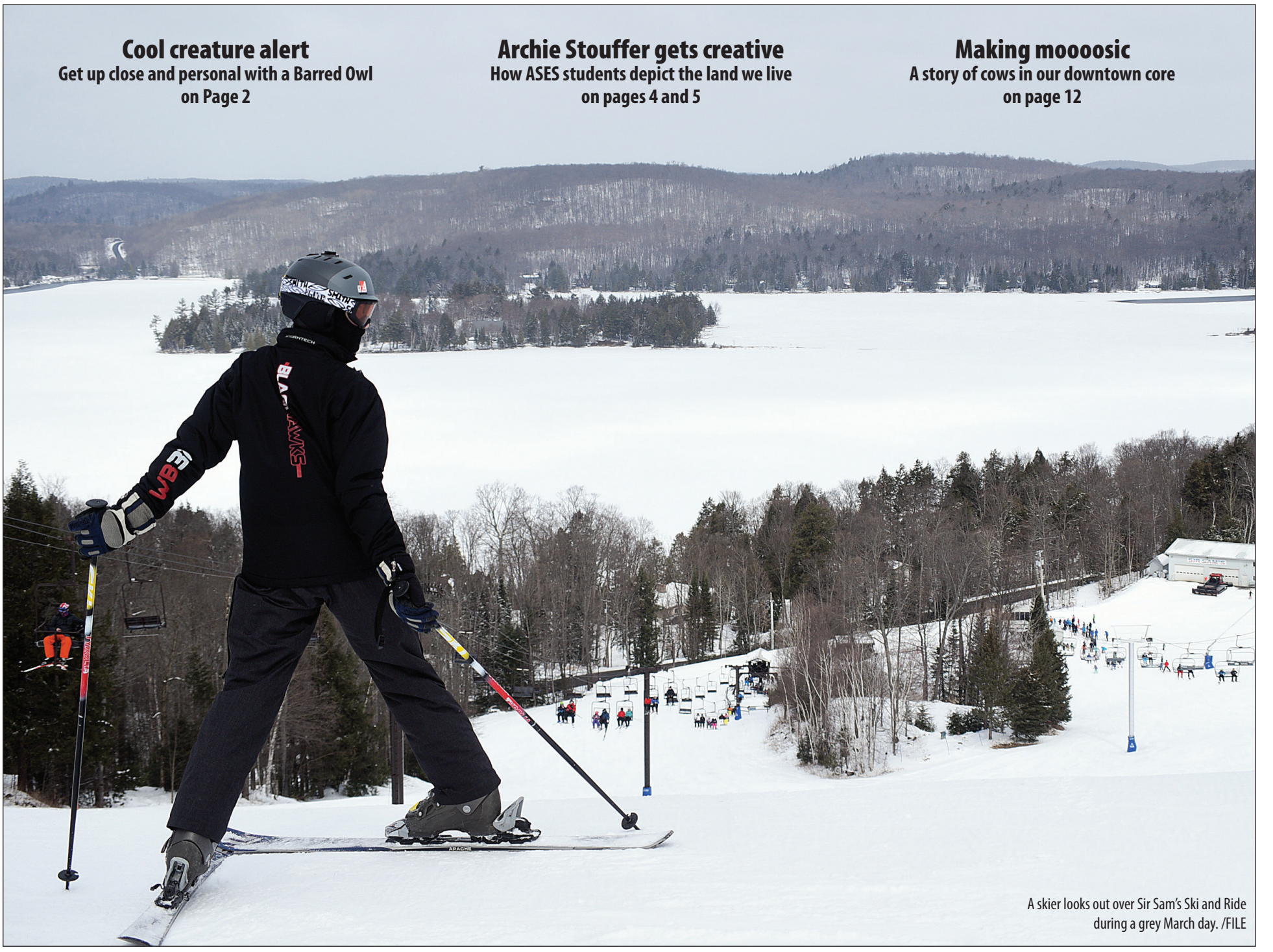

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Acute senses and soundless flight make the Barred Owl and formidable nighttime predator. /photo by Carol Moffatt

Creature Feature: The Barred Owl

RICK WHITTEKER

County Life Contributor

Their haunting nighttime call can either leave you spooked or in awe. This vocal bird will reply to even the most basic imitation of its call. Perhaps it is this unique connection with the Barred Owl that makes it one of the most fascinating year-round residents of Haliburton County.

Preferring older, dense and moist mixed forests, ideally with a river or wetlands nearby, the Barred Owl prefers to nest in tree cavities. One of many good reasons to not cut dead, standing trees whenever possible, they like to occupy large pileated woodpecker holes about 15 to 20 meters up in a tree. Barred Owls also use nesting boxes and are known to refurbish abandoned hawk, squirrel and crow nests to meet their needs.

With courtship starting in February, Barred Owls typically lay one to three eggs in mid to late winter. The female remains on the eggs while the male hunts. The female Barred Owl has evolved to be larger than its male partner, likely to help keep the developing embryos warm. The owlets crack through their shell about a month after they are hatched. Covered with white, fluffy down, they are so soft looking and cute enough that you might expect to find them featured in a toilet paper commercial!

Staying in the nest for up to six weeks, it is a full-time job for the parents to keep the owlets fed during this time. If they tumble out of the nest before they can fly, the juvenile birds can scamper up the trunk by digging their talons and bill into the bark while flapping their wings for balance so they can effectively walk their way back up the trunk.

Animated owls in popular culture are often depicted as bespectacled and reflective, synonymous with wisdom and knowledge. A symbol of Athena, goddess of wisdom in Greek mythology, the saying, "as wise as an owl" likely arose from their calm, upright posture and large, round eyes with lids that close downward like humans rather than the bottom lids rising like most other birds.

Owl eyes are set flat on their face giving them binocular vision, the overlap of sight from each eye enhances their depth perception. The concentration of light sensitive rods in the retina gives them great night vision. However, their large eyes can't move in their sockets. To compensate for this, they can turn their heads 270 degrees and they can do it so fast that some have mistakenly suggested that they can spin their heads 360 degrees! The ability to swivel their heads like this is the result of having 14 vertebrae in their neck, twice as many as humans.

Nearby objects are blurry for owls but they don't give a hoot about that as it is their night vision combined with their acute hearing that make them adept hunters. The ears of the Barred Owl are large, skin and feather covered slits on the edges of the facial disc. They are not aligned symmetrically but are slightly offset from each other. The owl brain can interpret sound coming in from two different angles and can pinpoint the source with tremendous accuracy.

To test their acute hearing, studies conducted in total darkness found that owls were able to successfully hunt mice. Similarly, their razor-sharp hearing allows them to capture small rodents in their talons under a blanket of sound-muffling snow.

The bulk of their diet consists of small rodents but can also include young hares, shrews, frogs, snakes and small birds. They are even known to wade into rivers and creeks to catch crayfish and fish. With no teeth, they swallow their prey whole, the bones, fur, feathers, claws and bills are regurgitated instead of pooped out.

After eking out all available nutrients, the undigestible bits are stored in the upper gizzard or proventriculus before being coughed up through their mouth as a pellet. This process of expelling a pellet can take three to seven hours depending on the owl species and the size of the prey. Owls cannot eat again until this pellet is regurgitated as it blocks the digestive passage.

Educational organizations collect and sterilize owl pellets. Piecing together the fine bone structure of rodents, birds and shrews found in them is like doing a bone puzzle, a unique and engaging learning experience. Using a pointed set of tweezers, tiny bone fragments can be teased out of the fur or feather-filled mass, however, it is the skulls found in these odourless pellets are the best identifier of the prey species.

If you are lucky enough to hear their "who cooks for you!" call resonating through the still, night air, take the time to marvel at the wonderful adaptations of this resident of our backyards, woodlots and forests. The Barred Owl, another fascinating wildlife species we share natural space with, enriching the experience of the visitors and residents of Haliburton County.

The concave facial disk of the Barred Owl helps to sense forest sounds better. /photo by Ed Poropat

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Snow

TERESA JORDAN
Community Living Contemplations

THERE IS so much snow in our neighbourhoods right now. The banks are high and we do not really have a clear view of the traffic as it moves around, in and out of parking places and along sharp turns.

In general we all have to slow down and be generous with our attention as we move around together. Where I live I cannot see at all to the south at the highway unless I have crept out to almost across the south bound lane. This is tricky business as I have to reverse if there is no clear spot before more traffic arrives from the north. I know that there is a heightened awareness for all drivers of the challenge. I am assuming that no other driver believes I am drifting out into traffic for no reason.

There is a shared experience here, we are all driving around and in between huge snow banks that limit our view. At Community Living we face a few snow banks in our work, blocking the view. We have a mission to empower people to connect to their community and to lead communities in understanding the richness of that connection. Often, we are drifting a bit and hoping that natural connections based on mutual interests, shared gifts and hospitality will arise. It is hard to see the future and any results of small steps taken to promote inclusion, we all just have to keep working toward this goal and know that at one time or another we can get past the odd snow bank of misunderstanding and see a beautiful moment of connection.

We are funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, and as provincially funded agencies, changes can take place that alter that funding or alters how we do our business. We need to always be watchful and looking ahead to see how the future takes shape, especially with elections and the changes that they can bring. Lastly, we as a team recognize that nothing is ever completely as it seems. A rude gesture of unwelcome can have more to do with a mounting pressure of the person gesturing than any kind of bias about the value of all in the community. We all have our own piles of ... well, snow, in this analogy, to move around in our lives and in our work and in our communities.

Generosity, grace and a willingness to see each other as people first is at the heart of what we aim to do. All people in a community are richer when we are connected, contributing and sharing our gifts. Our work and life is never a one sided venture of return on social capital investment. When we are moving around all these snow piles we are being cautious and generous, there is a grace in knowing that no one can clearly see past the heap. In our connected community, in all its forms, we can not see completely clearly what we all are navigating around, but we can be cautious and generous until our sight line becomes clear.

Point in Time seeks new members

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents and the Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub are pleased to announce they have been granted four year accreditation status by the Canadian Centre for Accreditation (CCA) in recognition of their continuous improvement efforts, making this 16 years of success as an accredited agency. The hard work, professionalism, and dedication of their staff and Board of Directors are clearly reflected in this significant achievement.

"We are delighted with the overall result and the positive feedback from the accreditation surveyors," said Marg Cox, Executive Director of Point in Time. "We've just undergone an extensive internal and external review process that measures our practices against sector and industry standards. It's clear from our results that our board, leadership and staff teams have all worked very hard to maintain a high quality of governance, operations and program and service delivery."

The CCA report stated that the agency "excels in fostering an inclusive environment by prioritizing diversity… demonstrates a strong commitment to effective governance...and has established robust mechanisms to ensure annual confirmation of licenses, professional liability for regulated professionals. As well, the agency effectively uses public education activities to support its organizational priorities and respond to evolving community needs...the review team noted that the organization prioritizes the professional well-being of its clinical staff through regular and structured clinical supervision...[and] demonstrates a strong commitment to accessibility to tailoring its engagement initiatives to the schedules and needs of the children, youth and families it serves."

This is the fourth four-year successful cycle of accreditation for Point in Time. The agency was first awarded accreditation status in 2012.

Point in Time is also in search of three individuals to join its Board of Directors team. The agency is working on increasing skills in the subject areas of fundraising, facilities and mental health/health knowledge, and are committed to looking for individuals who are or have previously used its services or similar services.

"There are many advantages to being on the Board at Point in Time," said Marg Cox, Executive Director. "You can meet new people, learn new skills, learn more about the community, and contribute to the health of the organization."

If you are interested in working for an exemplary nationally accredited agency committed to quality and continuous improvement and are able to contribute your time, thoughtfulness, and leadership one evening a month please call 705-457-5345 or email: info@pointintime.ca.

Point in Time is a charitable, not-for-profit, broad spectrum community services agency with strong community roots that provides services to residents of Haliburton County to help them reach their highest potential.

Submitted

The Land Between; ASES students add colour to community

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

For the second time, Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) has partnered with the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (MHCC) to create a student-centric exhibition. This year, the theme was "The Land Between." The Township of Minden Hills is part of the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which are Curve Lake, Rama, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Beausoleil and Georgina Island First Nations.

The region that Minden is located on was known as "The Land Between," which sits squarely between the Canadian Shield and St. Lawrence Lowlands, and houses a series of unique animals, topography, flora, and fauna.

ASES students were tasked with capturing their vision of what "The Land Between" entailed, and from that, emerged a vibrant and thought-provoking show, now on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

"(The show) boosts their confidence, validates their creativity, and gives them a sense of pride," said Cultural Centre programming coordinator, Robert Wong. "It also aims to connect students with the community and nature, encouraging self-expression and inspiring future artistic growth. We would like the students to create an early connection to the MHCC and foster a lifelong relationship."

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation ensured that all budding artists were able to participate, and donated $250 to purchase art supplies and products needed for the local artists to create their masterpieces.

On Feb. 22, the Cultural Centre opened its doors to welcome the friends and family at the opening reception of *The Land Between*. The show was juried by local well-known artists Gary Blundell, Natalia Brown, Nadine Papp, and Harvey Walker, with students earning awards and recognition for their work.

The Land Between will be on display in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until March 15. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

Writing on the Senior Side

Finding your senior passion

GAIL STELTER
County Life Contributor

Spring is coming. I am watching snow being removed from the roof of the house next door. Peter is once again outside shovelling out our driveway. There isn't anywhere left to put the snow. It is -16 Celcius. I am writing in February, but you are reading in March. Spring is coming. We know this to be true, and this year, I am especially thankful. I made it, and so did you. Spring brings new life, new hope and new enthusiasm for our senior life. Can you imagine your garden, your first golf game or even an afternoon on the boat? What are your spring plans? Perhaps this year, spring will bring a new passion. What do you enjoy doing, and what might you want to contribute to your community? This could be a great time to jump into a new passion or move steadfastly towards one. Here are a few strategies for finding your senior passion.

Reflect on past interests. Think back to activities you enjoyed in your younger years and see if they could be adapted to your current lifestyle. When I switched my life happenings to being a writer, I awakened my passion and wondered why I hadn't done this sooner. There were lots of good reasons. I reflected on and drifted back to the vivid scene of my eleven-year-old self sitting at the little desk in my bedroom, writing a novel. Now, in senior hood, it is my time to fulfill that lifelong passion. The fun part is that I love it. Perhaps that is the secret to finding your senior passion.

Assess your physical abilities: Choose activities that suit your current physical capabilities and consider options that can be adjusted as needed. This often frustrates me as my list of ailments grows as I age. They tell me I have glaucoma. It is progressing slowly. I need my eyes to write. So, I am going to outrun it. I am not sure what else to do to adjust.

Explore new hobbies: Try out different activities like gardening, painting, writing, reading, music, photography, or joining a local club to see what sparks your interest. Volunteer for a cause. Contributing your time to a cause you care about can help you discover a passion while making a positive impact. Many of you already have meaningful causes, such as volunteering at a food bank, fundraising for the hospital, and organizing events for seniors or community festivals. The possibilities are endless. And, oh boy, do we have a renewed cause that is our passion! It is our country. I am a Canadian past, present and future, and I cherish all that this means. This cause is worthy and extremely important. I will buy Candian, staycation, do my part, and, as you may already know, spread love while I protect my fragile headspace.

Engage in creative pursuits like art, crafts, writing, or music to express yourself and find fulfillment. Is there a summer course at Fleming that could be the start of this?

Consider your values. Reflect on what matters most to you in life and seek activities that align with those values. I see you nodding and thinking about your family and loved ones. Don't miss out on the chances to grab the moments that matter most. Sometimes, the drive to the city for a birthday party in winter seems overwhelming. It's fine if you don't go. They understand that you are old, and it's a long drive there and back for one day. You go, and you are so glad you did. How many more chances will you get? Talk to friends, family, or professionals about potential passions and experiences they've had. Get out of your comfort zone. Don't be afraid to try new things, even if they seem unfamiliar. New can be stressful. I like doing things I know I will be good at that will result in success. Writing is not one of them. I press "send' and submit a story to a literary magazine or website that is "calling for submissions." I live the words of author Will Self: "Be aware that the sickening feeling of inadequacy is a sensation that will never leave me. It is intrinsic to the real business of writing". And still, I submit, and still, I love writing. It is my passion. Get out of your comfort zone and live on the "wild side" of senior life.

No doubt, many of you already have a senior passion. Keep having fun and explore new avenues. My writing passion over the last two years has gone well beyond *Writing on the Senior Side*. I have had three stories published in *The New Canadian Stories Magazine*, several short fiction stories on *curatedmicrofickti on.com* and stories accepted and soon to be published at *micromance.com* and in an e-anthology coming out in March. I am especially pleased to have completed 57,000 words for my collection of family stories, and I am starting the final project for my Certificate in Writing through the University of Toronto. The final project tutorial will see me working with Canadian Author David Leyton. I am so excited to benefit from his expertise, talent and wonderful teaching manner. It's going to be busy for several months. Another new avenue in this writing passion is my desire to have my own writer's website. This makes me laugh because I certainly don't need a website. I am not famous, nor will I ever be, but I am a senior who is having a delightful time with her senior passion. I will let you know when it is up and running. I also think a blog would be fun. My kids say blogs are passe, but do I care about that? No. I am living my senior passion, and I do this for me.

Remember, it is never too late. Find a new or new avenue for your passion.

I want to share one of my short fiction stories with you. It could be the last time for this as from now on you'll be able to find it on my website - too funny!

Happy Spring is Coming!

Derek Sat on the Curb

The fog was rolling in. It was four in the morning, and the street was almost deserted. Derek sat on the curb. Everything was blurry. It was cold out. He was hot, damm hot. Perhaps he would jump off the railing into the lake and cool down. No, wait, it's too cold to go swimming in March. He looked up the street and saw the car. Was it a police car? He got himself up and started walking. False alarm. It was a taxi.

Derek was a recreational drug user and he had it all under control or so he thought.

The trips to the city increased. Derek was now a weekend fixture at the downtown clubs. It was all good fun, and yet, he began to wonder if he was still in control. Hell, yes, he thought. He put his fears aside and continued to hold tight to the belief that he could stop anytime.

Derek sat on the curb in the pouring rain. He was hot, damm hot. This time he would go and jump in the lake. He got up. Suddenly he saw the lights.

This time it was a police car.

The officer took one look and knew. The young man in front of him was well-dressed, well-groomed, obviously not one of the usuals. He helped Derek off the curb, put him into his cruiser and headed toward the hospital.

"I'm fine, officer. I just need a taxi to get home to my house."

Did the officer believe him? Perhaps. Perhaps not. He drove Derek home.

Derek never went back to the city.

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Danielle Chambers receieved the Award of Recognition in the Grade 4 to Grade 5 category at the Student Artist Reception for the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Student Exhibit. Chambers' art depicts a turtle. A proud Turtle Guardian, Chambers' mother says she was inspired after completing Levels one and two of Turtle Camp.

Kylie Simms won the Award of Recognition in the Grade 6 to Grade 8 category.

Harper Roberts won the Award of Recognition in the Kindergarten to Grade 1 category.

Dozens of ASES students and their parents attended the opening show of the student art exhibit on Feb. 22.

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First year

THE WEEK this paper comes out, it will be my son's first birthday.

And while so many other things are happening in this world; elections and boycotts and politics gone sour.

Somehow, this is the only thing I can think about.

This first birthday.

Nothing makes you understand the passage of time more than watching your children grow up. Somehow it moves at a snail's pace while simultaneously shooting forward faster than the blink of an eye.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

I remember sneaking out from my office at lunchtime during those early weeks, heading to appointments to hear a tiny little heartbeat.

Returning to my green velvet editing chair, and thinking about how I will never be the same again.

Our heartbeats ba boom ba boom in unison. I will forever be singing his song.

The day he was born, it was grey. Much like any other early March day.

But I remember looking out the window, on that grey March day, and thinking about how I will never be the same again.

My heart now beat outside of my body in the form of a tiny human, with wisps of dark hair and eyes that carried all the knowledge of the world.

I often think about this first year he has lived.

His first steps coinciding with Donald Trump's inauguration.

His first foods lining up with the wildfires that licked through LA.

His first words echoing over provincial election coverage on the CBC.

While the world ticked on; fear and questions and uncertainty abound.

He kept moving forward. Kept growing. He felt love and safety and happiness and joy in his every day.

And as he has aged as a child, I have aged as a mother. I am still waking up with him, many, many times a night. But after a year, you start to get used to it; even finding solace in the late-night silence.

When he rustles, I scoop him into my arms and look at the outline of his eyelashes, his button nose, his round cheeks in the nightlight glow. I know that each time I hold him, it's one less time I will hold him in the future. Each moment, inching closer and closer to chapters of independence, his legs now dangling off the edge of the bed while I rock him back to sleep.

He went from a tiny round bundle I carried in a yellow silk scarf around my chest, to a bubbly, brown-eyed toddler in overalls with blueberry stains and a giggle that makes everything feel right.

This first birthday.

I look to all the other people who have children. It's seen as such a normal part of society. Grow up, find love, have kids. It's what they do in the movies, in the books, in the stories.

It was always something I wanted, but I never understood the depth. The love you feel in a place in your core, that's never been cracked open before.

I remember the first time it happened with him. That love so deep that it hurt. I was watching him reach out his tiny fingers, to wrap them around the rough fur of our dog. In return, she curved her head, and nuzzled his nose.

And I felt a crack. Not in my bones or my joints. But deep inside. I couldn't speak, my breath was hitched. Pure, raw love. So deep, that it hurt.

These children are our future. And often, I am discouraged by the world we have created for them. A climate that is deteriorating, an anger that flows through political spheres, a disconnected nature associated with social media and always moving fast fast fast.

While we watch the world turn, the events and catastrophes and the absolute uncertainty, I look to my son. I don't know what his future will hold, but I know I will do everything in my power to ensure he feels safe, feels supported, feels loved.

And I will never be the same again.

Top 10 reasons never to whisper a secret in someone's ear

These days, it's rare to see someone whispering in another person's ear. Now we just text secrets so people can cut and paste them. That's a good thing too. I grew up in the era of whispering in another person's ear. And, believe me, there's a downside. Here, in fact, are the top 10 reasons why you shouldn't do it.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. People might mishear it as "Psst…I've gotta secrete…"
2. Inhale at the wrong time and you could be swallowing a mouthful of ear wax.
3. With the wrong people there will be an echo.
4. If the person you are whispering to is an Elven cosplayer, the sharp ear lobes might really hurt.
5. Ear hair tickles…
6. Very real possibility of earring getting caught in your braces.
7. If their hearing aid is set too high, you might startle them.
8. One careless whisper and someone is never going to dance again.
9. You always confuse yelling with whispering.
10. You're alone in an elevator. That person is a stranger.

Silhouettes

Pebble of Moon pelting the park path with its light,
Snow, falling and falling, blotting day, blanketing Night, veiling the limbs and branches of trees,
boulders of Snow, barricading the side of the road, too high to clamber over,
so I rely on the path to lead me instead,
plowed yesterday, it's already coated with a fresh layer of Snow, moonlight casting shadows in the park,
silhouettes, bending like statues in the dark, my feet freeze on the path as I slow my Breath,
drinking in the pair of deer, one following the other, wondering whether they are out,
just roaming in the Snow,
or taking a detour as they make their way Home, like me, quiet cloaking the park,
as I watch the deer meander through the Snow, envying them that they don't need a path to follow,
forging their own,
their hooves dimpling Snow, as they approach a willow, pausing at the base of its trunk,
bowing their heads towards the ground, sniffing for something buried beneath the mounds of Snow,
that maybe a squirrel left behind, both of them, raising their heads at the same time,
I wonder whether silence can be a language too, as they continue loping through the Snow,
how lithe, their silhouettes, beneath the hard white pebble of Moon, that casts its light on the anorectic trees,
their dancers' limbs swathed in Snow, my feet veer off the path to follow the deer hooves,
my boots leaving dents in the Snow, wondering whether the deer's legs ever feel as heavy as mine,
plodding through the Snow, whether their knees ever creak or their lungs sometimes wheeze or
sneeze from the cold,
I watch their silhouettes crossing the road, loping up a street,
where maybe they will continue foraging for a feast buried beneath the Snow,
in somebody's front or backyard,
or maybe they're just taking the long way Home, my feet reaching the willow, where the pair of deer paused,
I peer down at their hoof prints dimpling Snow, leaving their mark that they were Here,
searching beneath the Snow on a frigid winter Night, for a morsel to chew on,
before a fresh snowfall erases traces of their hoof prints, my hand slapping the willow trunk,
Hello, before I go,
my boots clomping alongside the pair of deer prints, homeward bound, through mounds of Snow,
passing silhouettes of trees, their dancers' limbs, bending and reaching beneath the moonlight, in frozen poses,
beneath their skin of Snow, my legs and Breath envying them, that they're already Home.

Sylvie Kalenda

Nature in your backyard

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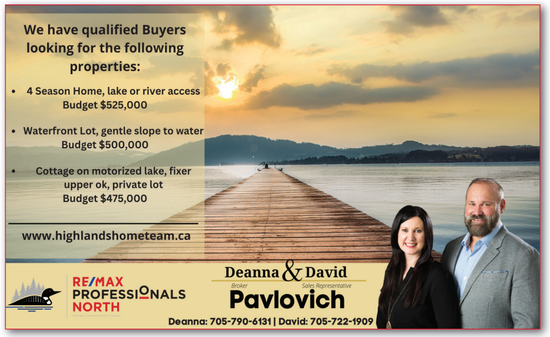
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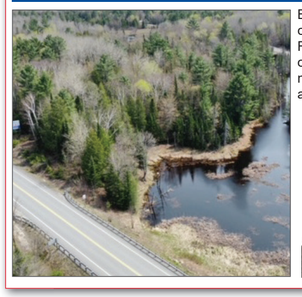

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Two Cans

DEB REED
County Life Contributor

A few afternoons ago, we beaky old birds were returning home down Highway 35 after lunch out in a Dorset artist's gallery café. I'd asked to visit her again, and to check out her sweet new canvases. I ordered some homemade yellow split pea soup, and wondered whether I'd accurately taste it after a stubborn on-off flu. All-in-all it was a pleasant test-run during which I also got to vote for Ontario at an advanced poll.

It felt good to see landscapes again. Remarkable snow had left a million Kodak moments. Tree-shadows webbing ink lines across fields. Marge Simpson hairdos teetering like hoodoos atop mailboxes. Two-storey icicles warping eavestroughs. Turquoise dragon-teeth spooking roadside rock. Coiled white contortions weighting branches. Half-raked roofs, smothered swing-sets, and impossible turrets in driveway corners…

The way the shy old sun still spat light despite another incoming accumulation…you could count how many snowstorms we'd already had this winter just by studying a fence post! Earliest layers were already crystallized, some showing grit, some bits of cedar. But most piles were readable, like tree rings, like lashings of lasagna among many cheeses.

Then BAM! A missile. It flew out the drivers side window of the black pickup directly in front of us. The empty beer can spun towards our car like an aimed football, but it ultimately careened to the snowy shoulder. I instantly felt hate.

I'm lousy at hate. I've felt it before. Kind of a righteous personal revulsion against what some people do or stand for. Most times I push it down, rationalize, flatten it. We all get cranky. Extreme. Opinionated. Even mean. But this didn't feel forgivable, and I said so out loud.

And then, a second can. Silver. Tall. It flew from the same truck, this time out the passenger side. It arched straight for us, but managed to hit the highway instead of our windshield. We felt our left front tire crush it flat.

That was close. That was lazy. Dangerous. And SELFISH! Mean on so many levels. I felt RAGE this time. Rage is exhausting. I avoid it. I swerve it. I hate it.

We were ok. Heavy tire and car momentum prevented a disaster. We caught up to the two in the truck to grab a phone-pic in case we needed to prove something. I hated that I did that. Chasing. Surveilling. Incriminating. I hated them.

But they didn't look like seedy monsters. Or armed comic book militants. Just ordinary boys leaving the lake after ice fishing. They'd frightened us.

I have faith in young people. I hope they'll drive sober. I hope they'll love the environment above most things. I'm relying on their humanity, their learning, their giving back, and their gratitude for privileges. Like calendar landscapes, or French Canadian soup, or the grace of local artists who perceive high blessings, then paint them with love.

Thinking about our drive has softened my edginess. Bigger pictures always do. Trust in good things to come is my revised call.

Barred Owl by Tammy Nash

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No ice is safe ice; winter season sees spike in falls

THOMAS SMITH
County Life Staff

This winter season, emergency services have seen the highest calls pertaining to falls through ice than in previous years, says Haliburton County Paramedic Chief Michael Slatter.

Slatter and the Haliburton Highlands OPP are advising the public to consider no ice as safe ice.

If you find yourself to have fallen through the ice, the first step is to remain calm. Immediately attempt to extricate yourself from the ice. When fallen, hold out your arms to prevent yourself falling completely through. Hold the ice and try to pull yourself out, kicking your legs as hard as you can. When out of the ice, roll away from the hole towards the shore. Seek warmth and shelter immediately, remove wet clothing, and put on dry clothing if possible. If you are unable to pull yourself out, attempt to freeze your sleeves to the ice to secure yourself. Make yourself known, as loud as possible.

Warm yourself up slowly, do not take a hot bath or a shower as it can induce a shock-state in the body.

Before walking on frozen ice, it is advised to talk to locals that are in-the-know, whether that includes local ice hut operators, or residents. Test the thickness regularly on your way out onto the ice.

"There are many factors that affect the thickness even a few feet apart. If they insist on going out, make sure they check local conditions," said Slatter. "The only way to truly know the ice thickness is to make a hole and check. Snow acts as an insulator on ice and can make the thickness and strength of the ice variable."

Falling into freezing cold water can cause hypothermia, an immediate life-threatening issue. Within 10 minutes of falling through the ice your body may be unable to function properly.

Another ailment that can affect people in the cold is frostbite. If you believe you may have frostbite, warm yourself slowly by putting on warm clothes or walking at a brisk pace.

Throughout the winter, emergency services' most common calls are from ice rescues, motor vehicle collisions, slips and falls, and injuries due to winter sport activities.

Before going out, monitor the weather and be prepared for it. Dress in layers and let someone know where you are going and what time you will return. Listen closely to warnings provided by emergency services. Carry a smartphone in a waterproof bag with the location services on. Carry a survival kit with a minimum of foil blanket, waterproof matches or flint and steel, and a mirror.

Take the time to educate yourself on ice water safety and what to do if you find yourself in the water. The 1-10-1 guideline is a good place to start, knowing this could help you survive longer if the worst should happen.

The 1-10-1 Guideline Breakdown is helpful to keep in mind for emergency situations pertaining to the ice. The 1-10-1 Guideline includes:

First 1 minute (Cold shock response)

The initial gasp reflex can cause inhalation of water, leading to drowning

Rapid hyperventilation occurs, increasing the risk of panic

*During the first minute, victims should focus on calming themselves and controlling breathing.

Next 10 minutes (Cold incapacitation)

Loss of muscle control begins, affecting the ability to swim or self-rescue.

Fine motor skills deteriorate first, followed by gross motor skills.

If not wearing a PFD, the victim may lose the ability to stay afloat.

*If self rescue is not achieved in these 10 minutes, it is best to focus on anchoring yourself to the ice and remaining still.

*The body loses heat 25 times faster in water versus air when remaining still and 35 times faster when swimming or struggling.

Next 1 hour (Hypothermia)

Core body temperature drops, leading to possible loss of consciousness.

Death can occur due to cardiac arrest or drowning if not rescued in time.

Snowmobiling is the largest contributor towards emergency calls for people that have fallen through the ice. The OPP considers no ice to be safe and encourages snowmobilers to avoid frozen waterways altogether and to adhere to land-based OFSC trails.

In the past decade, 40 per cent of fatalities of snowmobiles occurred from falling into ice.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association follows OFSC guidelines when marking trails across lakes. There must be at least eight inches of ice on top of the water before a trail is staked.

Halls Lake is currently unstaked as the ice was only six inches towards the northern shore, says Neil Vanderstoop, HCSA president.

"There is still water in the bush that is not frozen yet," said Vanderstoop. " Make sure you are always going the speed limit, it only takes a second for someone to be in big trouble."

The HCSA would also like to add that they are always looking for more volunteers, whether you snowmobile or not. They are always looking for volunteers to assist with events, office duties, grooming, signage, and much, much more. HSCA volunteers assist with ensuring proper messaging and signage to assist with keeping everyone safe.

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When: Mar. 7 - Sports and Dodgeball 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Apr. 4 - Sports and 9 Square 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Highlands Secondary School
For Grades 6-12. For more info contact haliburton@youthunlimitedkaw.com.

Lenten Lunches
When: Wednesdays at noon
Where: March 12 – St. Paul's Anglican Church
March 19 – Highland Hills United Church
March 26 – St. Paul's Anglican Church
April 2 – Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
April 9 – Minden Bible Church
Service at noon followed by Soup Lunch. By Donation.

Metabolic Flexibility: The Key to Healthy Aging
When: Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m.
Where: Schofield Room, Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St., Haliburton
A discussion with Dr. Norm Bottum of the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, who will discuss what good metabolic health is and how to make some simple lifestyle changes that can improve our metabolic health, leading to a better quality of life. This is part of a continuing series on "Making our Communities Better Places", and will be opened with music by Brian Sachs and Peter Smith. Open to all, free, light refreshments provided. Hosted by the Baha'i community of Haliburton.

Recurring events

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TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
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Admission: Yearly membership of $59
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Bridge for Seniors
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Bid Euchre
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Modern conveniences

KATE BUTLER
County Life Contributor

Sometimes stories from our community's history can give us a new appreciation for the conveniences in our lives, sometimes they can give us a chuckle and sometimes they can do both. There's no doubt that anyone living in our community at the turn of the 20th century would be astonished to see the range of items available in local shops today. Thanks to advances in transportation and preservation, it seems as if everything is always in season. Take butter, for example. Today, we don't think of it (or any of the butter alternatives on the market) as having a season, but people many decades ago would have begged to differ. In fact, this time of year was considered a dismal one for butter, if you, or a local shopkeeper, hadn't prepared. It was generally acknowledged that the best butter was made when cows were dining on fresh new grass, so it made sense to pack away as much butter in salt as you could to be ready for the colder months. Depending on your household, you might even be making your own, even if you lived right in town.

If you've ever joined me for a historic walking tour of downtown Haliburton, you've probably heard me mention the local bylaw that was passed in 1937 which prohibited cows from running loose around the streets of Haliburton. Apparently, by that point, enough cars had begun to travel through the village that the situation was proving dangerous for motorists and livestock alike. In an era before many automobiles, however, cattle were given free rein and seeing them marauding around town was quite common, much to the chagrin of the local residents who didn't keep cows. While the image of cows wandering along Highland Street has always given me a laugh, a recent account I came across has just added to the image. Imagine this: it's 2 a.m. and you hear some strange sounds at the front of your house. You pull the curtains back and discover, not a deer, not a raccoon, but cows munching on your garden. I'd always pictured them out and about during the day, but apparently they were also known to roam from evening milking time until morning milking time. Marjorie Clarke, whose childhood reminiscences of growing up in Haliburton around the turn of the 20th century were shared in her 1960s Echo column entitled, "This I Remember", told readers that her father regularly went head to head with the village cows in the wee hours of the morning. Harry Clarke could often be found clapping and whistling at the cows while trying to keep them from eating the grass of the boulevard in front of their Highland Street home. It was all a delicate dance though, because you also didn't want to alienate the neighbours who did have cows, since it was likely from them that you were getting your milk and other dairy products. There were also treats you didn't want to miss out on, like those summer Saturday evenings when Margaret Gorrie would sell homemade ice cream from her family's shop for five cents a bowl.

While stories from the past can make us appreciate modern conveniences, they can also remind us to savour the simple pleasures which fill our lives and not take them for granted. Just a thought for the next time you're buttering some toast.

Two young cows from Walling's Dairy in downtown Haliburton wander the street of the village. The photo, from 1953, depicts a time when cows ran rampant throughout the downtown core; something that was a common scene until automobiles became more popular in Haliburton. /photo courtesy of the Haliburton Museum

Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Bid euchre 1 p.m., Cornhole 7 p.m. (upstairs) Ladies Darts 7:30 p.m. (downstairs)
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Mixed darts 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: General meeting (3rd week) Members only 7:30 p.m.
Friday: Chair yoga 10 a.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. with a weekly supper special. Canteen opens at 4 p.m.
Saturday: Meat draw 5 p.m. Canteen opens at 3 p.m.
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Branch 129 Haliburton

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Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month - $1000 jackpot, rest will be a $500 jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
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Branch 636 Minden

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Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
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Principal doubts merit of school ranking

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

A recent report by the C.D. Howe Institute has one local elementary school principal defending her school's reputation and questioning the researchers' methodology.

The report, entitled Ontario's Best Public Schools, evaluates publicly-funded elementary schools based on standardized testing results and socio-economic factors. It was released with fanfare by the institute last Wednesday and garnered some media attention.

Haliburton's J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School was one of the schools that received a relatively low ranking when compared with other institutions. According to the Howe Institute, JDHES has a pass rate of 42.1 per cent, which is 17.1 per cent below the provincial average. The school was also ranked in the bottom fifth percentile when compared with schools with similar socio-economic environments.

But despite the somewhat lackluster results, JDHES Principal Traci Hubbert is confident that her school is an upstanding institution, and feels that people shouldn't give much weight to such a report.

"I don't personally believe in ranking schools," says Hubbert. "It's like comparing apples and oranges, because no two schools are the same in terms of the school community, their children, their teachers, the resources they have, or the support of parents."

Hubbert also questions the

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Skipping through winter

Kendall Harrison skips in the snow during an obstacle course set up during J Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's French immersion Carnaval Wednesday. Jessica Kennedy and Dakota Harris-Saxby are running the station, which was one of several activities. The event also included a visit by French folk band Le Grand Portage, who led dancing sessions. For more photos, please see page 15.

EMS answers the call for faster service

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

In an effort to reduce emergency response times Haliburton County EMS will soon redeploy ambulances to both Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands.

Starting on April 1, one ambulance will be stationed in Highlands East four days a week, while another will be stationed in Algonquin Highlands for two days a week. Though locations aren't yet confirmed, it's proposed that the units be stationed at central locations in each municipality, namely the Wilberforce fire hall and Stanhope Community Centre.

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Currently the county has two ambulances that are on duty 24 hours a day – one based in Minden and another in the village of Haliburton. A third ambulance, which also operates out of the Haliburton base 12 hours a day, will now move around the municipality, aiding county officials in their redeployment strategy.

After examining the response times, call volumes, and call types for each of the county's four municipalities since 2004, EMS director Pat Kennedy says a trend was identified regarding the locations and times of day that emergency calls tend to arise.

"It's actually pretty consistent...and we were surprised because it works out very well with the scheduling system we have in place right now," says Kennedy. "Very few adjustments will be needed for this to be effective, so it kind of all just fell into place."

Under the new proposal one Haliburton ambulance will be redeployed to Wilberforce on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.. Then, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, one Haliburton ambulance will move to the Minden base, allowing the Minden unit to shift north to Algonquin Highlands.

The aim of the new strategy is to meet the mandated time-

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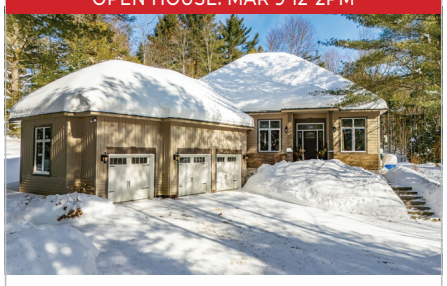

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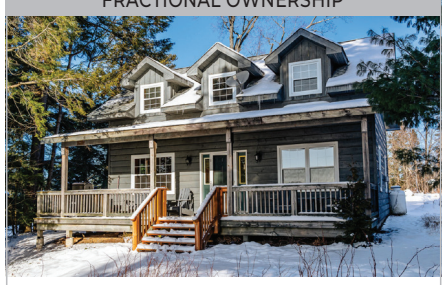

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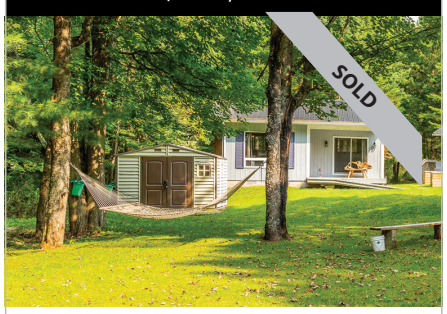

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